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Paul Introduces Resolution Honoring US/Mexico Relations

Washington, DC: Texas Representative Ron Paul introduced a resolution yesterday calling for Congress to recognize and foster the special relationship between the United States and Mexico. The resolution affirms that "The United States and Mexico share a bi-lateral friendship matched by few countries in the world," concluding that "The relationship must be cultivated to the mutual benefit of both countries." "We should honor the very close relationship we maintain with our southern neighbor," Paul said Tuesday. "We are joined not only by our geography, but also by the public and personal friendships that reach both ways across the border. Millions of hispanics in America have family and friends in Mexico, and we should allow those strong ties to form a foundation for cooperation between us. Congress needs to recognize the mutual benefits that result from a strong alliance with Mexico." Paul's resolution cites many areas of shared concern between the two countries, including trade issues, immigration, environmental quality, economic development, and regional stability. "We should work with the Mexican people and government to address the many challenges that face us, particularly in border states like Texas," Paul continued. "True free trade, along with coherent and sensible lawful immigration policies, will improve life in the border region and beyond. The economic development that results from open trade between America and Mexico benefits both nations by increasing living standards." Paul's resolution, HCR 206, will bypass committee procedures and go directly to the House floor. A vote on the measure is expected as early as September.